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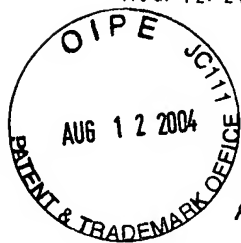
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Serial No. 10/816,794
Applicants: David A. Ruben
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Title: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LASER WELDING OF RIBBONS
FOR ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

Attached please find the following documents:

- X Transmittal
- X Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application
- X Preliminary Amendment
- X Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Part 2

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
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MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS
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This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated June 21, 2004. Please find enclosed the following documents to complete the filing requirements for the above-identified application:

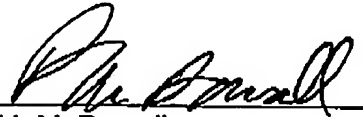
1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
2. Preliminary Amendment
3. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEMISSING PARTS TRANSMITTAL

In re Application of: David A. Ruben

For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LASER WELDING OF RIBBONS FOR ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

Serial No.: 10/816,794

Filed: April 2, 2004



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Signature

Molly Chlebeck
Printed Name

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Part 2

- ☒ Please charge Missing Parts surcharge of \$130.00, the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and the additional claim fee of \$18.00 for a total amount of \$918.00 to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

- ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for a _____ months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.

- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

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Date

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of the application requires payment of a surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)). To avoid processing delays and payment of a surcharge, applicant should submit any balance due for the requisite filing fee based on the later filing date being requested when submitting the omitted item(s) and the petition (and petition fee) requesting the later filing date.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and **original** application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabeled drawing figures, is required. A copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink should accompany with any drawing changes. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$18 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$918** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$18**
 - **\$18** for 1 total claims over 20.

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